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## does it really work?

Can the latest crop of beauty-boosting products and services possibly live up to their lofty claims? Check out our real-women testers' surprising results

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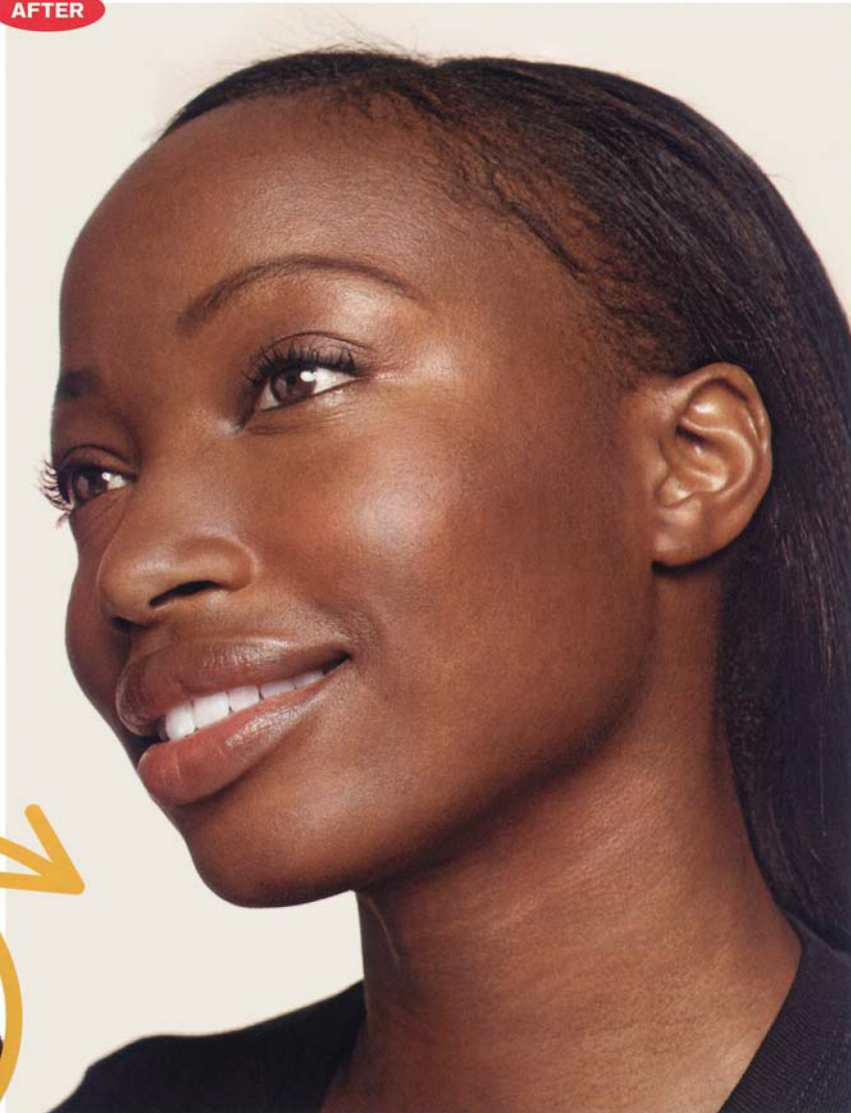
### facial peel for all complexions

**what it is** VI peel (from \$300; kalilmedical.com for dermatologists).

**what it promises** This peel combines phenol acids, vitamin C and Retin-A, which together are said to make for a gentler procedure that's safe for all skin types. "Until now, high-powered peels have often caused hyperpigmentation of darker complexions," notes Abdala Kalil, M.D., who devised the treatment and performed this procedure. After a three-minute application, the peel works gradually over five to seven days, clearing up acne and acne scarring, brightening skin and increasing collagen production.

**what it delivered** Chino, 27, who has a history of acne, first experienced flaking, then began visibly peeling. After a week, she says, "I saw a major difference. My Skin is now brighter, clearer and more evenly toned."

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